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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR POPULATION INFORMATION

REF: (A) STATE 167895 (B) KABUL 1562

1. REFTEL B CONTINUES TO BE A VALID RESPONSE TO MANY OF THE QUESTIONS POSED IN REFTEL A REGARDING POPULATION, AND RELATED, MATTERS IN AFGHANISTAN. EXCEPTIONS, AND REQUIRED UPDATING, ARE COVERED BELOW. FOR AN EXCELLENT ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT FOOD SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN, SEE KABUL (TOAID) A-104 OF JULY 26, 1977, "MISSION COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN REQUEST FOR (PL-480) ... WHEAT AND ... LIVESTOCK FEED." SEE ALSO FORTHCOMING "EVALUATION REPORT ON AFGHANISTAN FAMILY GUIDANCE ASSOCIATION CLINIC EXPANSION," BEING PREPARED BY DR. W. B. R. BEASLEY, USAID CONSULTANT, BOTH REPORTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AID/W AFGHAN DESK, OR ADDITIONAL COPIES WILL BE POUCHED UPON REQUEST.

2. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION. THE MOST DEFINITIVE DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY TO DATE OF AFGHAN POPULATION REMAINS THE 1974 REPORT BY THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW (SUNY) DONE UNDER USAID CONTRACT. UNTIL THIS STUDY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA) ESTIMATED POPULATION IN EXCESS OF 19 MILLION. SUNY REPORT PLACES TOTAL AT 11.5 MILLION, OF WHICH 10.4 MILLION ARE SETTLED POPULATION AND 1.1 MILLION ARE NOMADIC. RECENT ANALYSES (APRIL 1977) BY SPITLER AND FRANK OF THE INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL PROGRAM CENTER, U.S. BUREAU OF CENSUS, SHEDS ADDITIONAL LIGHT ON PROBABLE CURRENT POPULATION

(SUNY DATA WAS COLLECTED FOUR YEARS AGO IN 1973).
SPITLER AND FRANK ESTIMATE AN ANNUAL BIRTH RATE RANGE
OF 43-50/1000 AND A CRUDE DEATH RATE RANGE OF 25-30/1000.
THEY ALSO PROJECT A MALE LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH OF
34-38 YEARS AND A FEMALE LIFE EXPECTANCY OF 36-41
YEARS.

3. FOOD AND POPULATION. AS NOTED ABOVE, SEE KABUL A-104.
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